

NAUVOO NEIGHBOR, EXTRA;

June 29th, 1844.

Proclamation.

Head Quarters, June 28, 1844,
4 o'clock, A. M.

To the citizens of Carthage and Hancock county:

In pursuance of an order from Gov. Ford, instructing me to the exercise of such discretionary powers as I may deem necessary for the preservation of the public safety; and the lives and property of our citizens; I hereby invite all citizens to remain at their several homes in Hancock county and co-operate with me in establishing tranquility and safety throughout the county. The most efficient means have been put in requisition for concentrating the military force of the neighboring counties at Carthage, and in 12 hours there will be a sufficient force for the protection of every citizen in the country.

I confidently believe there is no just apprehension of an attack upon any place by the Mormon citizens of our county. And I hereby strictly command all citizens of Hancock county to abstain from violence towards the Mormon population, under penalty of the severest inflictions of military law, and act in no case, only on the defensive.

The corpses of the murdered men will be forthwith removed to Nauvoo, under an escort from Head Quarters.

Given under my hand this 28th June 1844,
4 o'clock A. M.

M. R. DEMING, Brig. Gen.,
4th Brigade and 5th Division.

It is hoped and expected that the Governor will be at Head Quarters in a few hours.

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W. H. P. Smith

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